

**In the specification:**

Replace the Abstract as shown below:

-- A language-processing system has an input for language in text or audio, as a message, an extractor operating to separate words and phrases from the input, to consult a knowledge base, and to assign a concept to individual ones of the words or phrases, and a connector operating to link the concepts to form a statement. In some cases there is a situation model updated as language is processed. The system may be used for controlling technical systems, such as robotic systems. --